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KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker	David Pyle Principal, Carl Junction High School
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Ms. Lorinda Hackett Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman Dean, The Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Michael Olmstead University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Adam Hajeh BSE K-12 Vocal Music Education, Lee's Summit
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. Please turn off all cell phones.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

David Pyle



A fear of failure can keep us from experiences that might serve as valuable teaching moments, says David Pyle.

"We often have reluctance to put ourselves into situations where we might be criticized or are afraid we're going to fail," he says. "But those experiences are sometimes what contribute to our ultimate success. We can gain more by attempting something than by holding back and not trying in the first place."

Any specific examples?

"The fear of public speaking, for instance," he says with a laugh.

Pyle, the principal of Carl Junction High School, was selected to serve as the keynote speaker for the 71st commencement ceremony at Missouri Southern State University.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in education from Missouri Southern in 1997, and also holds master of science and specialist degrees in educational leadership. He's currently wrapping up his doctoral dissertation at Southwest Baptist University.

He taught science for eight years at Golden City High School, Neosho High School and Carl Junction, and also spent seven summers teaching in the Crowder College Upward Bound program. After serving as assistant principal of Carl Junction High School for five years, he was promoted to principal in 2010.

In 2016, the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP) named him as High School Principal of the Year. He was selected for the honor from more than 600 high-school principals around the state based on his impact in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment and personalization of the learning environment.

"One of the first words that comes to mind is 'humbling,'" says Pyle. "It's not a recognition I expected to receive, and it's something I definitely attribute not to my own work but all the great work by the people around me. It is a recognition of the efforts of our teachers and other school leaders who work together each day, not me as an individual."

That collective effort was recognized again in 2017, when Carl Junction assistant principal Theresa Wilson was named Assistant Principal of the Year by MoASSP.

"We can do so much more working together toward a common goal than we can individually," says Pyle. "That's what makes those recognitions happen."

Pyle is an active member of MoASSP and currently serves as a membership and advocacy representative. He and his wife, Jill – a Missouri Southern graduate who serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Dental Hygiene Department – have been married for 23 years. They have two adult children, Dylan and Lily.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Antonucci-Hay, Cecelia Carmen
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Breidenstein, Desiree
General Management
Joplin

Cotten, Belinda
General Management
Joplin

Davidson, Shirley Ann
Human Resource Management
Neosho

Flanigan, Mary M.
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Genisio, Sherry Jo Ann
General Management
Joplin

Hicks, Ronald Taylor
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Holland, Shelley Lynn
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Smith, Briana R.
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Tilton, Kendra
Human Resource Management
Webb City

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Arnold, Elizabeth Ann
Curriculum and Instruction
Oronogo

Morley, Felicia K.
Curriculum and Instruction
Joplin

Richardson, George Edward
English Language Learner K-12
Joplin

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bollinger, Bobby J.
Criminal Justice
Scott City

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more.
In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Keaton Barnes
Kelsey Bartlett ‡
Abbey Catron
Heather Collins

Jaired Collins ‡
Brian Geier
Mikayla Hand
Hailey Harper

Alexandra Johnson
Kahlie Jones
Jaycee Lee ‡
Chioma Nwogu †

Christopher Raymond
Morgan Robertson
Katie Skelton ‡
Avery Tanner ‡

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Caleb Albright
Caitlyn Baker
Evelina Cabrera
Cydney Churchwell
Cynthia Dominguez

Ashley Elliott
Samuel Goddard
Matthew Gruenberg
Andrea Holderman
Jenny Kaiser

Jocelyn Lechuga
Morgan Makeeff
Makenzie Paden
Bailey Rexford
Andrew Robinson

Kaitlyn Spencer
Peter Thompson
Jennifer Worley

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Melinda Blankenship
Jordan Blythe
Kristian Brennon
Cayley Conrad †

Jordyn Hicke
David Irvine
Jessica Marquez
Ashley Nicholson

Katie Pape
Rachael Polen
Jennifer Powers
Hayden Rogler

Hayley Sirmon
Laura Switzer
Hailey Wilson

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Keaton Barnes
Jaired Collins ‡
Hailey Harper
Kahlie Jones
Jaycee Lee ‡
Abby Parsons
Christopher Raymond

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Caleb Albright
Evelina Cabrera
Andrew Robinson

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

David Irvine
Corbin Osburn

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bartlett, Rachel Lee Anna
International Studies
Miami, OK

Bekemeier, Natalie Shea
Music
Mount Vernon

Blankenship, Melinda Carol
Sociology
Joplin

Daniels, Sarah Kay
Sociology
Joplin

Douglas, Shelby Lynn Marie
Sociology
Nuevo, CA

Garcia, Nayeli
International Studies
Rogers, AR

Garcia Ceron, Roberto
Spanish
Rogers, AR

Kerns, Jesse Wayne
Music Industry
Kansas City

Kitchens, Amy Nareese
English-Literary Studies
Glenpool, OK

Lambert, Zachary Paul
Music Industry
O'Fallon

Liggett, Jared Ray
Music
Pierce City

Makeeff, Morgan Danielle
Spanish
Carthage

Marshall, Makenzie Lynn
English-Creative Writing
Joplin

Maturino, Missael
Spanish
Carthage

Nabors, Dusti Mae Cheyenne
Communication-Mass,
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Randol, Brian Ray
Music Industry
Grove, OK

Still, Alexandra Jessie
Communication-Mass
Monett

Thomas, Shay Lorraine Ann
Art-Visual
El Dorado Springs

Vann, Hannah Romaine
International Studies
Joplin

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Humphreys, Lydia Ruth
Fine Arts-Studio
Joplin

Lechuga, Jocelyn Villarreal
Fine Arts-Studio
Anaheim, CA

Moe, Shelby Katelyn
Fine Arts-Studio
Joplin

Paden, Makenzie Breanne
Fine Arts-Studio
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adamson, Cydney Regan
Biology
Carthage

Albright, Caleb Alan Eugene
Criminal Justice Administration
Granby

Alcorn, Siara Reede
Sociology
Willow Springs

Andrews, Hannah Lynne
Biology
Joplin

Andrews, Jonathon J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Austin, Garrett
Geography
Overland Park, KS

Baker, Caitlyn Ruth
Sociology
Joplin

Barnes, Keaton Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Beckwith, Jeffrey Alan
Environmental Health and Safety
Farmington, NM

Bogan, Annette Renay
Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Boman, Deran Jeffrey
Criminal Justice Administration
Carterville

Bounous, Reese Kennedy
Biology
Verona

Braun, Kenneth
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Broady, Lindsey Nicole
Biology
Webb City

Cabrera, Evelina Margarita
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Cameron, Cassandra Kaye
Criminal Justice Administration
Aurora

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Joplin

Conrad, Cayley Justine †
Biology
Joplin

Conway, Lexis Kay
Communication-Public Relations
Webb City

Cookinham, Joshua Paul
Criminal Justice Administration
Rogers, AR

Davenport, Dayanaira Elise
Communication-Public Relations
Tulsa, OK

Davis, Bryan Allan
Mathematics
Neosho

Diaz, Karla Patricia
Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Smith, AR

Elliott, Ashley Suzanne
Sociology
Joplin

Ellis, Trenton Wesley Allen
Biology
Anderson

Ely, Kevin Sayre
Criminal Justice Administration
Cheyenne, WY

Fredrickson, Kimberly Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Garcia, Rene
Criminal Justice Administration
Springdale, AR

Gilbert, Karsten Brooks
Communication-Public Relations
Tulsa, OK

Gilmore, Dakota Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Gilstrap, Kendall Brooke
Biology
Joplin

Graham, Khaled M.
Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS-Computer Forensics
Joplin

Hardiman, Savannah Geneva
Sociology
Baxter Springs, KS

Harper, Hailey Aniesá
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Henson, Cody Ray
Criminal Justice Administration
Spavinaw, OK

Hicke, Jordyn Ashleigh
Environmental Health and Safety
Burlington, IA

Hook, Ian V.
Communication-Mass
Blue Springs

Huskey, Sophia Louise
Biology
Oak Grove, AR

Irvine, David Michael
Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS-Computer Forensics
Neosho

Ishmael, Brooke Anne
Biology
Sand Springs, OK

Jackson, Taylor Marie
Biology
Lamar

Jenkins, Emily Louise
Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS-Computer Forensics
Jefferson City

Jimenez, Nicholas M.
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Kaiser, Jenny Suzanne
Biology
Pierce City

Kemper, Jack William
Criminal Justice Administration
Des Peres

Kincaid, Chris
Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS-Computer Forensics
Springfield

Kinder, Whitney Lynne
Biology
Joplin

Knoblauch, Zachary Kurt
Biology
Carl Junction

Kross, Mike William
Biology
Netherlands

Lamb, Dakota Ray
Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Langley, Nicole Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Weatherford, TX

Lavite, Matteo Giuseppe
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson

Lee, Jaycee Lynn ‡
Criminal Justice Administration
Aurora

Lee, Mai Kao
Biology
Fairview

Lee, Paulette Danielle
Criminal Justice Administration
Quapaw, OK

Lopez Martinez, Carmen R.
Criminal Justice Administration
Hermitage

McBride, Morgan L.
Biology
Raymore

McGaugh, Taylor Nicole
Environmental Health and Safety
Joplin

McKenzie, Ian N.
Criminal Justice Administration
Kissimmee, FL

Marquez-Johnson, Michele Elizabeth
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Medina Ramos, Ingrid Estela
Criminal Justice Administration
Milan

Merriott, Tyler Sidney
Political Science
Lebanon

Michaleski, Nathan Scott
Environmental Health and Safety
Carthage

Nguyen, James Truong Son
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Webb City

North, Hailey Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Osburn, Corbin David
Criminal Justice Administration
Tulsa, OK

Potts, Stormi Winter
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Raymond, Christopher Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Lockwood

Rhodenbaugh, Jesse Spencer
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Rios, Joel Bernard
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Robinson, Andrew Charles
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Carthage

Robinson, Charlie
Biology
Ferrelview

Shyers, Hanna Leann
Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Skelton, Katie Therese ‡
Biology
Ash Grove

Smith, G. Alan
Environmental Health and Safety
Joplin

Smith, Melinda Sue
Mathematics
Arkansas City, KS

Solis, Linda Katherine
Criminal Justice Administration
Rogers, AR

Sollars, Anthony William
Criminal Justice Administration
Kirksville

Southwick, Benjamin Lee
Mathematics
Carthage

Spencer, Kaitlyn Marie
Biology
Joplin

Spicer, Preston Scott
Biology
Carl Junction

Stokes, Shanin Marie
Biology
Galena, KS

Taylor, Jackson Don
Political Science
Douglass, KS

Taylor, Megan Renee
Biology
La Russell

Thomas, La Shell Marie
Environmental Health and Safety
Miami, OK

Tuggle, Addison Lynn
Biology
Joplin

Udulutch, Justin G.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Vaughan, Trey Landon
Communication-Mass
Nowata, OK

Wammack, India Nicole
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wheeler, Patrick Louis
Communication-Mass
Aurora

White, Joshua D.
Criminal Justice Administration
Witter, AR

Zamanzadeh, Nima
Biology
Joplin

Zeyn, Erica Lindsey
Political Science
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Langston, George Aaron
Social Work
Altamont, KS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Albright, Caleb Alan Eugene
Law Enforcement
Granby

Andrews, Jonathon J.
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Barnes, Keaton Lynn
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Bogan, Annette Renay
Law Enforcement
Fort Scott, KS

Boman, Deran Jeffery
Law Enforcement
Carterville

Braun, Kenneth
Law Enforcement
Joplin

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Law Enforcement
Carthage

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Law Enforcement
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Joplin

Goodson, Megan Nicole
Law Enforcement
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Law Enforcement
Joplin

Irvine, David Michael
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Jenkins, Emily Louise
Law Enforcement
Jefferson City

Jimenez, Nicholas M.
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Kemper, Jack William
Law Enforcement
Des Peres

Kincaid, Chris
Law Enforcement
Springfield

Lamb, Dakota Ray
Law Enforcement
Fort Scott, KS

Langley, Nicole Michelle
Law Enforcement
Weatherford, TX

Lavite, Matteo Giuseppe
Law Enforcement
Anderson

Lee, Jaycee Lynn ‡
Law Enforcement
Aurora

Lee, Paulette Danielle
Law Enforcement
Quapaw, OK

Lopez Martinez, Carmen R.
Law Enforcement
Hermitage

McKenzie, Ian N.
Law Enforcement
Kissimmee, FL

**Marquez-Johnson,
Michele Elizabeth**
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Medina Ramos, Ingrid Estela
Law Enforcement
Milan

North, Hailey Marie
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Osburn, Corbin David
Law Enforcement
Tulsa, OK

Parsons, Abby Shayne
Law Enforcement
Purdy

Potts, Stormi Winter
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Raymond, Christopher Lee
Law Enforcement
Lockwood

Rhodenbaugh, Jesse Spencer
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Rios, Joel Bernard
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Solis, Linda Katherine
Law Enforcement
Rogers, AR

Sollars, Anthony William
Law Enforcement
Kirkville

Swearingen, Zach Allen
Law Enforcement
Fayetteville, AR

Udulutch, Justin G.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

White, Joshua D.
Law Enforcement
Witter, AR

Wilson, Kyler Martin
Law Enforcement
Joplin

GENERAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Aguillon-Langley, Andrew J.
General Studies
Neosho

Bibiano, Laura
General Studies
Bentonville, AR

Butler, Seantel Renee
General Studies
Virginia Beach, VA

Damm, Matthew S.
General Studies
Joplin

Ewing, Caleb Jamison
General Studies
Kansas City

Freeman, Keith Alan
General Studies
New Milford, CT

Gamble, Stacy Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Garrett, Atacia Renée
General Studies
Lebanon

Geier, Brian James
General Studies
Joplin

Holley, Erron Imariou
General Studies
Blue Springs

Hughes, Jr., Haywood
General Studies
Malvern, AR

Jackson, Jarrell Malik Lloyd
General Studies
Marrero, LA

Jarrett, Thomas Michael
General Studies
Neosho

Jones, Mickey L.
General Studies
Walker

Kingcade, Kenneth Charles
General Studies
Joplin

Long, Shannon Nicole
General Studies
Joplin

McElroy, Teia Mari
General Studies
Neosho

Million, Hanna Laryn
General Studies
Diamond

Mundy, Brooke Danay
General Studies
Independence, KS

Murphy, J. P.
General Studies
Carl Junction

Norvell, Shelby Wilson
General Studies
Joplin

Perkins, Karleigh L.
General Studies
Webb City

Poindexter, Chelsea Cheyanne
General Studies
Grove, OK

Potts, Annie Zhong Chun
General Studies
Joplin

Queen, Amy C.
General Studies
Webb City

Salas, Alejandra
General Studies
Monett

Schrag, Brianna Rose-Lynn
General Studies
Rose Hill, KS

Schuler, Candace Le Ann
General Studies
Goodman

Self, Donna LaVonne
General Studies
Joplin

Smith, Madyson P.
General Studies
Sapulpa, OK

Smith, Melanie Nicole
General Studies
Neosho

Sohosky, Katherine Rae
General Studies
Joplin

Sullivan, Anna Hope
General Studies
Owensville

Summers, Dimitra Ann
General Studies
Joplin

Sutten, Tiffany Diane
General Studies
Webb City

Tanner, Avery Nicole ‡
General Studies
Joplin

Tarter, Emily
General Studies
Joplin

Tavernaro, Trista Leanne
General Studies
Scammon, KS

Taylor, Tamara Lee
General Studies
Anderson

Thomas, Gregory Tyler
General Studies
Webb City

Vaughn, Jennifer
General Studies
Springfield

Vincent, Alexandra Jean
General Studies
Nevada

Wallace, Amanda Rachelle
General Studies
Webb City

Ward, Mathew Lee
General Studies
Raymore

Wert, Tina
General Studies
Goodman

Yang, Robert Khamtine
General Studies
Fairview

Zeka, Cassandra R.
General Studies
Joplin

Zimmer, Joshua David
General Studies
Aurora

ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adkins, Kyle James

Logistics
Carl Junction

Alasad, Ahmed Nasser

Industrial Engineering Technology
Saudi Arabia

Almubarak, Wasel A.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Saudi Arabia

Cantu, Raul D.

CIS-Information Technology
Webb City

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡

CIS-Math/Computational Math
Joplin

Crahan, Tommy Lee

Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Curtiss, Thomas Pae

CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Dobbins, Tyler D.

Logistics
Joplin

Eldred, Ailan Roan

CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Faulkner, Trystan Jeine

Logistics
Noel

Frencken, Colton Eugene

CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

Graham, Khaled M.

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Joplin

Irvine, David Michael

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Neosho

Jenkins, Emily Louise

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Jefferson City

Jones, Kahlie Elizabeth

CIS-Information Technology
Carthage

Jones, Sarah Kirsty

Logistics
Oronogo

Kennerly, Christopher

Edward Robin
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Kent, Stanton Mayer

Economics
Spring, TX

Kincaid, Chris

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Springfield

Kolkmeier, Dalton Adam

CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Leach, John Travers

Logistics
Diamond

Nasiruddin, Nizar

CIS-Information Technology
Pakistan

Nguyen, James Truong Son

CIS-Math/Computational Math
Webb City

Nollner, Curtis M.

CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Robinson, Andrew Charles

CIS-Math/Computational Math
Carthage

Saleh, Mahmoud

CIS-Information Technology
Egypt

Sansom, Johnathan K.

CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Adams, Calin Blake**

Management
Neosho

Anders, Whitney Allison Page

Accounting
Neosho

Andreatta, Robert Lee

Management, Human Resource
Management
Bentonville, AR

Bailey, Mary Jane

Accounting
Ava

Bartlett, Kelsey Lanae ‡

General Business
Lockwood

Bechtel, Liberty Eden

Marketing
Joplin

Belcher, Silas Ross

Marketing
Carl Junction

Black, Brett T.

Management, Human Resource
Management
Neosho

Blake, Amber N.

Management, Human Resource
Management
Lampe

Blankenship, Tina Anne

Management
Joplin

Boling, Hannah Zhi-Dan

Marketing
Macon

Boos, Jonathan Wayne

Accounting
Peculiar

Bradshaw, Leah Kathleen ‡

Marketing
Monett

Brennon, Kristian Danielle

Finance
Fort Scott, KS

Canterbury, Cory A.

Marketing
Wentzville

Chappel, Kergan Blake

Accounting
Carl Junction

Chelf, Victoria L. *

Accounting
Portsmouth, RI

Collins, Heather L.

Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Cowles, Stacy A.

Human Resource Management
Kirbyville

Craig, Colton Brice

Marketing, Management, Human
Resource Management
Webb City

Crider, Ethan Ray
International Business, Marketing
Webb City

Daggett, Leigha Paige
Finance
Carl Junction

Davis, Sara Marie Imhof
Management, Human Resource
Management
Galena, KS

Dawson, Kirt
Accounting
British Virgin Islands

Dominguez, Cynthia Marie
Accounting
Carl Junction

Dry, Deborah Lynn
Marketing
Joplin

Duda, Theresa Ann
Accounting
Webb City

Enoch, Desiree Jette
Marketing
Springfield, OH

Farrales, Tracy Dawn
Accounting
Nevada

Fehring, Alec David ‡
Accounting
Neosho

Forte, Reed Nicholas
Finance
Texarkana, AR

Gilstrap, Tiffany Lynn
Accounting
Carl Junction

Gomez, Araceli Gomez
Management, Human Resource
Management
Berryville, AR

Gorham, Hannah M.
Marketing, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Gruenberg, Matthew Bryan
Accounting
Joplin

Haskins, Taylor Nicole
Marketing
Carthage

Hawkins, Thomas Aaron
Marketing, Management
Lee's Summit

Hernandez Ramos, Walfre
Accounting
Carterville

Hibbitts, Jared S.
Management
Sheldon

Hill, Brooke Sierra
General Business
Olathe, KS

Hilton, Samuel Keane
Finance
Carthage

Holt, Leandra Renea
Management
Center-ton, AR

Ipsen, Amy Lea
Finance
Joplin

Jacobs, Fredrena A.
Finance
British Virgin Islands

Jeffrey, Sandi C.
Management, Human Resource
Management
British Virgin Islands

Jeffries, Jordan Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Joel, Peter A.
Marketing
Springdale, AR

Johnson, Tyler B.
Accounting
Neosho

Jump, Kelsey Joann
Accounting
Parsons, KS

Kervian, Tyler Robert
Accounting
Joplin

Lancaster, Sara Elizabeth
Human Resource Management
Kansas City, KS

Landrum, Dustin Keith
Marketing
Joplin

Lane, Paige Danielle
General Business
Stella

Lindberg, Brandon Lee
Management, Human Resource
Management
Neohso

Loveland, Colton Bradley
Management, Human Resource
Management
Carthage

Lozano-Torres, LeaAnnette
Management, Human Resource
Management
Alleyton, TX

McCorkle, Josie Layne
Marketing
Carl Junction

McGinnis, Shelby Lynn
International Business, Marketing
Mannford, OK

Macy, Kelsie Dawn
Accounting
Carthage

Markley, Kathrine A.
General Business
Weir, KS

Marshall, Tanner Charles
Finance
Purdy

Martinez, Anthony Cortez
Marketing, Management
Lee's Summit

Mejia, Ashley Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Jasper

Montano, Janette
Management
Joplin

Moore, Samantha Jo
Human Resource Management
Seneca

Morrow, Latice R.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Chicago, IL

Moser, Bryce Stephen
Management
Joplin

Murphy, Lynn Marie
Marketing
Fayetteville, AR

Nwogu, Chioma C. †
Finance
Nigeria

Ogle, Lynn Marie
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Padgett, Caleb Allen
Marketing
Edwards

Pape, Katie Nicole
Marketing
Broken Arrow, OK

Parkison, William L.
General Business
Baxter Springs, KS

Petersen, Jordan Alex
Accounting
Carl Junction

Peterson, Kelly Anne
Management
Neosho

Plank, Brandon A.
Accounting
Lamar

Plybon, Jacqueline Kendall
Management, Human Resource
Management
Wentworth

Polen, Rachael Anne
Accounting
Saginaw

Powers, Jennifer N.
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Presley, Hollis Virginia
Marketing
Springfield

Robbins, Kelsi Ann
General Business
Neosho

Ryan, Nathan Lynn
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Salas, David
Marketing, Management
Noel

Saye, Briar Aaron
Accounting
Dennis, KS

Schrader, Christian N.
General Business
Wyandotte, OK

Sirmon, Hayley Michelle
Management
Joplin

Smith, Nadeia Patricia
Human Resource Management
British Virgin Islands

Smith, Niayla Seneca
International Business
British Virgin Islands

Staples, Brenna Renae
Management, Human Resource
Management
Sarcoxie

Stevens, Jedidiah David
Management
Carthage

Sweet, Ginger Dawn
Human Resource Management
Carl Junction

Switzer, Laura A.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Taylor, Grant Douglas
General Business
Joplin

Thompson, Peter William
Accounting
Joplin

Thrasher, Courtney Renee
Marketing, Management
Aurora

Tiberghien, Danny W.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Hopkinsville, KY

Tilton, Kendra
Human Resource Management
Reeds

Turner, Nicholas Aaron
Marketing
Clever

VanHorn, Joseph Benjamin
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Vanstavern, Nyssa Deane
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Wallsmith, Emmalee Kathryn
Marketing, Management
Carthage

Webster, Vanessa Mychele
Management
Carthage

Williams, Michael
Marketing, Management
Rogers, AR

Wilson, Hailey Marie
Marketing, Management, Human
Resource Management
Pleasant Hill

Yang, Lyda Nubci
Management, Human Resource
Management
Exeter

Young, Tiffany Jane
Management
Versailles

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Alasad, Ahmed Nasser
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Saudi Arabia

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Technology
Saudi Arabia

Arguello, Silvio Alejandro
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Biggs, Daniel William
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
O'Fallon

Blockburger, Bryce William
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Fairland, OK

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CIS-Information Systems
Webb City

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

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Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Carthage

Curtiss, Thomas Pae
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Doyle, Nathan A.
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Graham, Khaled M.
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Gray, Tabitha Beverly
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Hamiti, Liburna
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Irvine, David Michael
CIS-Information Systems
Neosho

Jenkins, Emily Louise
CIS-Information Systems
Jefferson City

Jones, Kahlie Elizabeth
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Jones, Sarah Kirsty
CIS-Information Systems
Oronogo

Kent, Joshua Alan
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Reeds Spring

Kincaid, Chris
CIS-Information Systems
Springfield

Kolkmeyer, Dalton Adam
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Lancaster, Tina Marie
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Quapaw, OK

Nasiruddin, Nizar
CIS-Information Systems
Pakistan

Nguyen, James Truong Son
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Webb City

Owen, Mackenzie Edward
CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Robinson, Andrew Charles
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Rodriguez, Frank Javier
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Saleh, Mahmoud
CIS-Information Systems
Egypt

Sparnicht, Brian Scott
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Goodman

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Garibay, Alfredo
Psychology
Carthage

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Benjelloun, Sydnée Leanne
Psychology
Seneca

Blankenship, Sheryl Kay
Psychology
Joplin

Cherryholmes, Evan L.
Psychology
Joplin

Churchwell, Cydney Marie
Psychology
Joplin

Finch, Katlyn
Psychology
Joplin

Hand, Mikayla Nicole
Psychology
Webb City

Jones, Logan Edward
Psychology
Sarcoxie

Murray, Lindsey Renee
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Neuhoff, Cheyenne B.
Psychology
Joplin

Nicholson, Ashley Paige
Psychology
Joplin

Noll, Cortney Lynn
Health Promotion and Wellness
Aurora

Owens, Rosary Alayne Marie
Psychology
Joplin

Raymond, Christopher Lee
Health Promotion and Wellness
Lockwood

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Barahona, Jennifer
Elementary Education
Los Angeles, CA

Bratcher, Emily Nichole
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Carl Junction

Brown, Jennifer Anne
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Phoenix, AZ

Cason, Kaleb D.
K-12 Education-Physical
Education
Springfield

Catron, Abbey Kay
Elementary Education
Carthage

Gerard, Gwendolyn K.
Middle School Education-
Language Arts
Miami, OK

Goddard, Samuel Lewis
Secondary Education-Social
Science/History
Webb City

Gooden, Melissa Evelyn
Elementary Education
Harwood

Haikey, Nathan P.
Secondary Education-Social and
Political Science
Bella Vista, AR

Hasemeier, Sarah Jaine
Secondary Education-Biology
Webb City

Hernandez, Darby
Elementary Education-TESOL
Webb City

Holderman, Andrea Elizabeth
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Webb City

Hutcheson, Amanda K.
Middle School Education-Math
Carthage

Jennings, Ryan Paul
Secondary Education-Biology
Aurora

Johnson, Alexandra D.
K-12 Education-Spanish
Rockville

Kohrs, Samuel Scott
Elementary Education-TESOL
Saint Charles

Lant, Lauren L.
Secondary Education-English
Goodman

Leroy, Chelsie Shiane
Secondary Education-Speech and
Theater
Seligman

Marquez, Jessica
Middle School Education-Math
Carthage

Plybon, Kelsey A.
Secondary Education-English
Wentworth

Radcliff, Brittany Renee
Elementary Education
Carthage

Rexford, Bailey Jean
Elementary Education
Urish

Robertson, Morgan Marie
Elementary Education
Fort Scott, KS

Rogler, Hayden Kincaid
Middle School Education-Math
Carthage

Schmidt, Leah Richelle
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Greenwood

Sexson, Kelsey Katelynn
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Goodman

Terrillion, Taela Wint
Secondary Education-English
Elko, NV

Torres, Cynthia
Secondary Education-English
Mexico

Trevino, Amanda Josephine
Secondary Education-Social
Science/History
Neosho

Trotter, Sarah Grace
Elementary Education-Special
Education
Joplin

Wilson, Raemon Clayton
K-12 Education-Instrumental
Bahamas

Yang, Christina
Elementary Education
Fairview

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Agnew, Jonesha Jena
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Caruthersville

Blackburn, Kimberly Lynn
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Carthage

Blythe, Jordan Allen
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Grove, OK

Bunch, Wanda Dawn
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Broken Arrow, OK

Cosgrove, Kathryn Leah
Health Science-Paramedic
Neosho

Davis, Paige Danielle
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Camdenton

Day, Nathanael Levi
Health Science-Paramedic
Cherryvale, KS

Dugan, Makayla Dawn
Health Science-Business Life
Riverton, KS

Edwards, Sarah Elizabeth
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Little Rock, AR

Figueroa, Jessica Jeanette
Health Science-Business Life
Bella Vista, AR

Freeze, Madisyn Jo
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Walnut Grove

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Health Science-Paramedic
Loma Linda

Hagins, Maggie K.
Health Science-Business Life
Carthage

Hay, Aubrey Hill
Health Science-Business Life
Warner Robins, GA

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Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Saint Louis

Hurn, Devin Owen
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Jackson, Billie Elizabeth
Health Science-Business Life
Galena, KS

Justice, Katie Lynn
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Dexter

Keith, Justise Taylor
Health Science-Business Life
Columbia

Lampkin, Breanna Nicole
Health Science-Business Life
Washington

Majrashi, Mohammed Hassan
Health Science-Business Life
Saudi Arabia

Mense, Tonya Rachell
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Washington

Pena, Mark Anthony
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Kansas City

Povarich, Alina
Health Science-Radiologic Technology
Fenton

Snider, Jessica Lynn
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Dexter

Sullivan, Kim Inesco
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Prairie Grove, AR

Vann, Jessica LeAnn
Health Science-Business Life
Webb City

Wadsworth, Julianna
Health Science-Business Life
Darien, IL

White, Candice L.
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Mountain Grove

Wilson, Travis Lynn
Health Science-Paramedic
Normal, IL

Worley, Jennifer Dianna
Health Science-Respiratory Therapy
Blue Springs



GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED *Abroad*

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,400 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Arnold, Elizabeth
Sweden

Bartlett, Rachel
Germany

Bounous, Reese
Italy

Conrad, Cayley
Italy

Crider, Ethan
Germany

Davenport, Dayanaira
France

Garcia, Nayeli
Spain

Gass, Riley
United Kingdom

Gilbert, Karsten
France

Humphreys, Lydia
Sweden

Irvine, David
United Kingdom

Jenkins, Emily
United Kingdom

Kaiser, Jenny
Italy

Kross, Mike
Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Lant, Lauren
South Korea

Liggett, Jared
Estonia, Finland, Sweden

McGinnis, Shelby
China

Makeeff, Morgan
Spain

Michaleski, Nathan
Austria

Moe, Shelby
Sweden

Nguyen, James
South Korea

Nicholson, Ashley
Belize

Paden, Makenzie
South Korea

Pape, Katie
United Kingdom

Thomas, Shay
Japan, Sweden

Vann, Hannah
Japan

Wilson, Hailey
Canada



NIXON HALL CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

The new home for the mathematics program at MSSU grew at an exponential pace during the fall semester.

The steel skeleton for the three-story Nixon Hall and the skywalk connecting it to Reynolds Hall quickly took shape as crews from Crossland Construction continued work ahead of the building's projected Spring 2019 opening.

The skywalk will provide plenty of natural light for students making their way to and from classes, as will the atrium, which will extend all the way to the building's third story.

YOURS TO LOSE WELCOMES NEW COHORT OF PRE-MED STUDENTS

The start of the Fall 2018 semester brought with it the second cohort for the Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program, who were welcomed to the start of their journey with a special Green Coat Ceremony.

"Being a doctor is one of the most rewarding and valued professions in our society," said Dr. Marsi Archer, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. "You are about to embark on the first step of your journey into the medical field. We're proud of you and thrilled to have you here at Missouri Southern."

The future med-school students will face a challenging curriculum as they work to earn their bachelor's in biology in an accelerated three-year program, before making a seamless transition to Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences' Joplin campus.



LION CO-OP FOOD PANTRY ADDRESSING HUNGER ISSUES

A campus food pantry called the Lion Co-Op is providing assistance to MSSU students who are dealing with food insecurity. Housed inside the

FEMA shelter, the pantry provides food and personal items to MSSU students in need.

Dr. Renee White, chair of the Social Work Department, said the pantry went from an idea to a reality in just a few short months.

"This has been nothing short of extraordinary," said White. "Last spring, several entities on campus were noticing a growing trend of hunger and its side effects. By late July, three faculty members – Dr. Andrea Cullers, Dr. Megan Bever and I – came together to answer the question 'What can the MOSO family do to alleviate hunger?' From that question, the Lion Co-Op was born."

Social work students also played a role in the project coming to fruition. Their research showed that many students were making hard choices about how to spend their limited resources.

"The outpouring of support, both here on campus and within the Joplin community, has been remarkable," said White. "In my 35 years of professional social work, I have never seen such immediate understanding and support of a social issue. It's truly inspiring to be a part of this effort."

GILBERT-SAUNDERS RECEIVES 2018 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



Dr. Lynell Gilbert-Saunders, an associate professor of chemistry at Missouri Southern State University, is the recipient of the 2018 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education.

The award is presented to an outstanding faculty member from each participating higher education institution in the state. It's based on effective teaching, effective

advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

Gilbert-Saunders received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Missouri Southern in 1998. She received her Ph.D. from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, and was hired at Missouri Southern in 2006.

"It was like coming home again, but in a different way," she says. "I feel like I'm able to carry on a tradition that was very special and influential to me."



Alma Mater

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



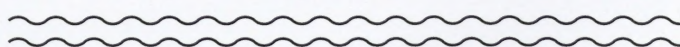
shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Regalia Cords

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and

of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The cooperative masters's degree hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Accountancy, Business and Commerce: Drab
Arts, Letters, Humanities: White • **Education:** Light Blue
Fine Arts: Brown • **Journalism:** Crimson
Library Science: Lemon Yellow • **Law:** Purple
Music: Pink • **Nursing:** Apricot • **Philosophy:** Dark Blue
Physical Education: Sage Green • **Science:** Golden Yellow
Theology: Scarlet

REGALIA CORDS

Alpha Chi:
Gold

Athletics:
Green and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma:
Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha:
Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi:
Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma:
Black and Gold

Honors Program:
Green

International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta:
Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi:
Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta:
Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa:
Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma:
Dark Green and White

Nursing Honor Society:
Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta:
Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha:
Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega:
Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veterans:
Red, White and Blue



1973 – 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 – 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 – 1980

Lloyd Dryer*
Psychology

Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 – 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 – 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 – 1987

Enid Blevins*
English & Philosophy

1995 – 1996

Loretta Frazier*
Head Librarian

1999 – 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner*
Social Sciences (History)

2002 – 2004

Duane L. Hunt
Theater

Richard Massa
Communication

2008 – 2010

Julio S. León
Business

2010 – 2012

Betsy Griffin
Psychology

Virginia Laas
Social Sciences (History)

William Livingston
Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 – 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 – 2014

Sam Claussen
Theater

2014 – 2015

Art Saltzman*
English & Philosophy

2015 – 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira
Kinesiology

2016 – 2017

Theresa Agee
Business

Grace Ayton
Nursing

Beverly Block
Business

Al Carmine
Music

Jim Gray
Business

Patricia Murphy
English & Philosophy

John Tiede
Accounting

2017 – 2018

Jack Spurlin
Criminal Justice

Deborah Brown
Teacher Education

2018 – 2019

Laura Adkins
Mathematics

J. Larry Martin
Mathematics